

## REMARKS

Claims 47, 48, 50-53, and 55 are currently pending. Claims 50 and 51 are amended. Claim 24-46, 49, and 54 are cancelled. No new matter is presented. In view of the allowed subject matter, Applicants request the allowance of all pending claims.

Claims 49, 50, and 51 are objected for failing to further limit the subject matter of a previous claims. Claim 49 is cancelled. Claims 50 and 51 are amended. No new matter is presented. Therefore, Applicants request the withdrawal of the objection to claims 50 and 51.

Claims 24, 25, 28, 29, 31-33, 44, 45, and 54 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph. Claims 24, 25, 28, 29, 31-33, 44, 45, and 54 are cancelled. Therefore, the rejection of these claims is moot.

Claims 24 and 25 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Juhasz et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5,993,438). Claims 24 and 25 are cancelled. Therefore the rejection of claims 24 and 25 is moot.

Applicants acknowledge the Examiner for indicating that claims 47, 48, 52, 53, and 55 are allowed.

Based upon the above amendments and remarks, Applicants respectfully request the allowance of claims 47, 48, 50-53, and 55. Should the Examiner feel that a telephone conference with Applicant's attorney would expedite the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is urged to contact him at the number indicated below.

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